GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7859
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PROSTITUTION ON RISE
ASHOK KUMAR SINGH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.133 dated November 29, 1999 and state:

(a) whether the required information has since been collected; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Though there are a number of studies and reports on commercial sexual exploitation of women and children, there are no reliable estimates of the extent and magnitude of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in India. The Government of India has constituted a Committee on Prostitution, Child Prostitutes and Children of Prostitutes and finalised a Plan of Action to combat trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. In June 1998, the Government also drafted a SAARC Regional Convention on Prevention and Combating Trafficking in Women and Children for Prostitution. This draft Constitution seeks to take measures to prevent cross-border trafficking through proper international governmental coordination as well as harmonising of various laws and legal provisions relating to trafficking and rehabilitation of rescued victims.